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and found him very difficult to kill!



Until that one
fateful day when...

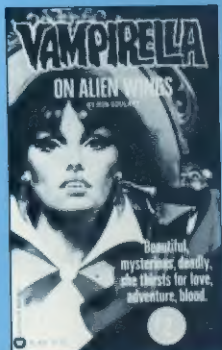


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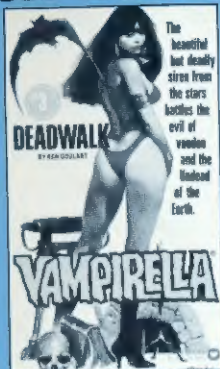
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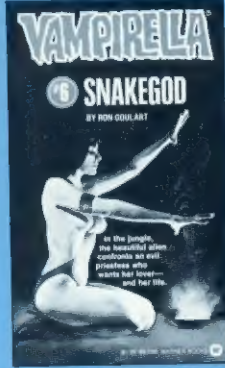
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THE SPIRIT'S DEAD LETTERS



THE SPIRIT is truly one of the best black and white comic magazines in the world today. It provides me hours of enjoyable reading.

It can also be a great relief ... and a terrific escape from the problems one encounters during the day. I really look forward to each new issue and the time I will spend reading THE SPIRIT!

Will Eisner mixes humor with action and drama and the result is, inevitably, a magazine chock full of terrifically exciting adventure.

I have always looked forward to the color stories, but have not seen any recently. And I've missed them!

THE SPIRIT is different from the ordinary crimefighter, hero or superhero. He's in a class by himself. My only regret in reading his exploits is that I did not do so earlier.

MIKE SHOUCAR
Kingston, Jamaica

If you're looking for color stories, Michael, check out SPIRIT #16. One of the best Eisner tales yet ... in fabulous, far-real color!

I'd like to inject some criticism here if I may. While it's impossible for me to complain about the high quality of stories in THE SPIRIT, there is a nit or two to pick about cover art.

Why rob us of the chance to see some new Will Eisner work to scoop unconnected bits from the stories inside?

BRUCE TOWNLEY
Alexandria, Va.

I have long been a fan of Will Eisner's whimsical humor, art, and plot and so I was thrilled by the trilogy of Dick Whittaker stories in SPIRIT #14. If THE SPIRIT were a television show, I would say this was a pilot.

Congratulations on an excellent issue, which began with a great cover and never stopped.

MIKE THOMPSON
Gales Ferry, Conn.

"The First Man" in SPIRIT #14, was a chilling, all-too-real example of the American obsession to be on top. When competition gives way to irrational behavior, it becomes a destructive, rather than healthy motive.

SARA FONTAINE
Memphis, Tenn.

I read most of the Warren magazines that came out in '75 but THE SPIRIT topped them all.

Will Eisner's art really gets you into the mood of the story and Ebony is great.

SPIRIT #13 was one of the best to date.

ROBERT RICCI
Hyde Park, Mass.

I would like to say THE SPIRIT is the best comic magazine on the newsstands!

But I would like to see DEAD LETTERS return to a two-page feature.

Just one more thing ... what was the last SPIRIT story and when was it written?

JEFF SCULLEY
Shamburg, Ill.

The last published SPIRIT story was written in 1952, Jeff.

But Will Eisner's underground vault contains a number of unfinished, never before published SPIRIT pages. We'll try to get ahold of them sometime soon!

I have just bought and read SPIRIT #13. As usual, fabulous!

I have three suggestions to offer to your mag. First off, why not start a fan club, with badge and card, like CREEPY, Eerie and VAMPIRELLA.

Secondly, why not have THE SPIRIT published as paperbacks like the VAMPI series. I'd really like to see a prose novel about THE SPIRIT.

Third, make a SPIRIT movie! Clint Eastwood or Charles Bronson might make a perfect SPIRIT.

Long live THE SPIRIT!

CARL NICASTRO
Pottsville, Pa.

Thanks for the suggestions, Carl. We'll keep them in mind for the future!

ENVY THE SPIRIT!

Mis days are filled with crime fighting. His nights with romance. But every now and then he needs a stiff dose of reality. Let him have it! Write THE SPIRIT!

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The past issues of THE SPIRIT have been excellent. The stories where THE SPIRIT does not appear or is not the central figure are especially touching. At times, I admit, I cry.

DAVID TEW
Ontario, Can.

Your SPIRIT magazine is still one of the best on the market and I enjoy it immensely.

But I'm writing about the covers. Basically you've used 3 styles: (1) a drawing (2) a painting or (3) a paste-up. Now all three are nice but my personal favorites are the paintings by Ken Kelly. May we have them more often?

JOHN ROSE
La Crosse, Kan.

The year: 1976. THE SPIRIT is still alive and so's Will Eisner. From time to time, a new SPIRIT story is published.

What should the conventions be for THE SPIRIT, in his new stories?

Certainly by now THE SPIRIT should have married Ellen Dolan. Whether she be called Mrs. SPIRIT or Mrs. Colt is not important. A few children seem appropriate. As children, they might be represented by caricatures ... the way Eisner does all children.

Ebony White should be an adult, and, be it noted, no longer a caricature. His training is specific ... He has to be a detective ... possibly a police detective, possibly private. In either case, a natural successor for THE SPIRIT.

Commissioner Dolan should be old, perhaps retired. While it might be unusual for a man to remain in office so long, it's not unthinkable. Or maybe Klink has the post by now.

But, although it makes interesting speculation, there is no real reason to bring THE SPIRIT up to date. Will Eisner, indeed, has more than sufficient skill, to make comics from the forties take root in the seventies.

On second thought, forget the update. THE SPIRIT is fine, just like he is.

MICHAEL TIERSTEIN
Brooklyn, N.Y.

I've always hated reruns of almost everything. It's just that I like the idea of being a part of something when it happens. With THE SPIRIT, I find myself baffled.

Will Eisner is a genius and his stories are the kind of graphic storytelling that need to be told and retold again and again ... Absolutely remarkable!

JOHN SUBOTIC
Irvington, N.J.

I have some suggestions concerning THE SPIRIT, my favorite black and white comic. They are as follows:

Bring back the color story. Please return to putting new Will Eisner work on the covers. The montages are okay, and the Eisner/Kelly paintings are very good. But I especially like the ink drawing/paintings of previous issues.

Have Eisner do text pages like he did for awhile. Not necessarily interviews, but something. Anything.

What I would really like to see is some new stories, by Eisner himself. Perhaps THE SPIRIT today, like those in the underground SPIRITS ... only with a plot.

How much retouching do the originals require? Is this done on the original or on photocopies?

Why are there two distinct lettering styles in the old stories? For example look at the difference between lettering in "The Valentine" and "The Robbery" in SPIRIT #13.

Whatever happened to the SPIRIT television special, that Jim Steranko reported in MEDIACENSE?

Why not go monthly?

MIKE CAGLE
Bloomington, Ind.

To answer your questions, Mike, the retouching of artwork is done in any number of ways. If the originals are available ... and it is appropriate ... retouching is done on the originals. When this would result in a damaged original, or when it is more expedient to use photostats, then stats are used.

There are, indeed, two lettering styles. Mike, THE SPIRIT lettering from 1947 to 1950 was created by Abe Kegnoss. Later segments were done by assistants, using a slightly different lettering approach.

We've heard rumor, too, about THE SPIRIT TV special, Mike, but at present we're not at liberty to discuss it. As soon as we are, our readers will hear all the details!

As for going monthly, Mike, each page of every book is carefully checked, reworked when necessary, then toned ... and this takes time. Will be that a monthly THE SPIRIT would result in a lower quality book.



SALLY OF THE ISLANDS

YOU ARE LOOKING
FOR THE SPIRIT? THEN YOU
HAD BETTER HEAD WEST
TO THE ISLANDS BEYOND
THE MARQUESAS... ASK
ABOUT SALLY... SALLY OF THE
ISLANDS... ASK ABOUT
THE MASKED STRANGER
WHO SHOWED UP ONE
HOT EVENING....

IT WAS HARD TO SAY JUST WHERE
HE CAME FROM... BUT ON THESE
ISLANDS, NO ONE CARES....

LET ME GO!
STOP THEM!
SOMEBODY STOP
THEM!!



AND THAT WAS HOW SALLY FIRST MET SMITH... SIGH... WELL, ANYHOW... MEANWHILE ACROSS THE ISLAND... ANOTHER MAN WAITED...



EEK!
LEMMIE GO!



MONSTERS... ALL OF THEM MONSTERS!



KRAGG... KRAGG...
LET ME GO... LET ME GO!
I'M OF NO USE TO YOU ANY MORE... I'M JUST A FEVER-RIDDEN HAG NOW...

SALLY BABY... DON'T TALK LIKE THAT... I NEED YOU! BESIDES, YOU'RE MY WIFE... MAN CAN'T LET HIS WIFE RUN ABOUT THESE DANGEROUS ISLANDS.



N..NEED ME...? KRAGG, HONEY... Y'MEAN IT? Y'REALLY MEAN IT?



SURE, BABY... WHO ELSE C'N SWIPE THE ROUTE OF TH' LATEST GOLD SHIPMENT COMIN' IN FROM THE COAST...?



...AND I HAD THE BOYS BRING IN YOUR YOUNG...ER...RESCUER. EVER MEET HIM BEFORE, SALLY? ...DON'T LIE TO ME...

NO... NEVER... HONEST, HE JUST TRIED TO HELP ME...



WHAT'S YOUR NAME, MISTER?

SMITH... WHAT'S YOURS?



KRAGG, SMART ALEC... KRAGG... THE BANDIT!





THAT NIGHT SHE WANDERED
AIMLESSLY AROUND THE
GROUNDS OF KRAGG'S
ESTATE...

SUCH A NICE LITTLE
GUY, THAT GOVERNOR!
A CLEAN, GOOD HOME...
RICHES... SOME GIRLS
HAVE ALL THAT...

BUT NOT ME! EVERYTHING
I TOUCH, I DESTROY... ALL
MY LIFE HAS BEEN A... A
NIGHTMARE HELD
TOGETHER BY A
HOPE OF A BETTER
DAY... BUT NOW I KNOW
I'VE BEEN WASTING
MY DREAMS...

THERE IS NO
HOPE... NO
DREAMS...
ONLY **ESCAPE**...

THERE WAS A LIGHT
WIND, BUT NOT
ENOUGH TO DISTURB
THE SOLITUDE
OF EVENING...
THE NIGHT WAS
QUIET...

BANG

**WHY DID YOU
STOP ME?**

I WANT TO
DIE! WHY DO
YOU KEEP
FOLLOWING
ME?

LUCKY FOR YOU
I DID... SALLY,
YOU'RE NOT
KRAGG'S KIND...
WHY DO YOU
KEEP HELPING
HIM? WHY DID YOU
TRY TO DO
AWAY WITH
YOURSELF? YOU
LOVE HIM THAT
MUCH?

I HATE HIM!

HE'S MADE ME INTO
SOMETHING EVIL
AND UGLY! I..HATE..
HIM... IF ONLY I COULD
SMASH HIS PLANS TO
ROB THAT GOLD
SHIPMENT... IF I
COULD FIND
SOMEONE TO
TRUST.. I'D...

I'M YOUR
BOY.

I DON'T
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE
OR WHAT
YOU ARE...
IS YOUR
NAME
REALLY
SMITH...?

IT
DOESN'T
MATTER...
AND AS FOR
BUSTING UP
KRAGG'S
RING.. WELL...
TRUST ME
AND FOLLOW
MY PLAN.

THE NEXT MORNING KRAGG AND
HIS BANDITS SET OFF INTO THE
HILLS.

SO LONG, SALLY..
**YEEAAA...
LET'S GO!**

GOODBYE,
SMITH...
GOOD
LUCK!

BANG

YOU BEEN PRETTY
CHUMMY WITH MY
WIFE, SMITH...
WATCH IT!

THE BANDIT PARTY MOVES
HIGH INTO THE MOUNTAINS....

...THE GOLD TRAIN
COMES IN ANOTHER HOUR.
WE'LL ATTACK FROM
HERE!

AND ON THE COAST....

YOU'VE GOT TO
COME, GOVERNOR!
SMITH SAYS THAT
YOUR POLICE CAN
CAPTURE KRAGG
IN THE ACT!

BUT HOW DID
KRAGG DISCOVER
THE ROUTE
THE
SHIPMENT
WAS TAKING?

I...I STOLE
IT FROM
YOU!

SO! ...TRYING
TO MAKE A FOOL
OUT OF ME TWICE!
**YOU ARE UNDER
ARREST!**

PLEASE! YOU MUST
BELIEVE ME! THE
SHIPMENT WILL
BE DESTROYED
IF YOU DON'T!!

HMM!

ALL RIGHT! I CAN'T
TAKE A CHANCE AND
NOT BELIEVE YOU!

GOOD! CALL
OUT THE
MILITIA!

ALAS...THIS
IS THE
MILITIA!

YAWN...

T-TWO MEN!
WHAT CAN
WE DO?

DO? WE'LL
CAPTURE THEM
SINGLE-HANDED!
COME!

THE SUN ROSE HIGHER IN THE
EAST, AND THE SECONDS
TICKED BY RAPIDLY....

**AH! THE TRAIN!
GET THE DYNAMITE
READY!**

WHERE IS
SALLY...
COULD SHE
HAVE
CROSSED ME?





LOOK...A
FIGHT...
THEY'VE
CORNERED
SMITH!
WE'VE GOT
TO DO SOME-
THING!

MALT, KRAGG!
I'VE CAUGHT
YOU RED-
HANDED!
FIRE A
VOLLEY
MEN!

NO...
DON'T...
WAIT!



BANG
BANG

NO...



THE SHOTS ECHOED
OFF THE CANYON
WALL. THE ROCKS
GROANED AND
SHOOK. AND IN A
FEW SECONDS...

AVALANCHE!

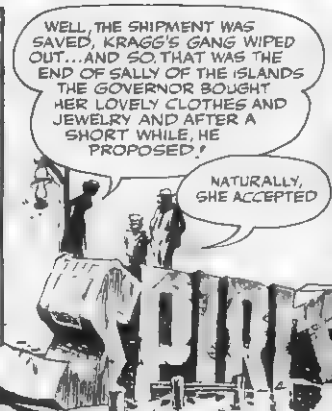


UGH



SALLY
SALLY...
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

KRAGG IS
BURIED...
IT'S ALL OVER
NOW. YES,
GOVERNOR.
EVERYTHING IS
ALL RIGHT



WELL, THE SHIPMENT WAS
SAVED, KRAGG'S GANG WIPED
OUT...AND SO THAT WAS THE
END OF SALLY OF THE ISLANDS.
THE GOVERNOR BOUGHT
HER LOVELY CLOTHES AND
JEWELRY AND AFTER A
SHORT WHILE, HE
PROPOSED.

NATURALLY,
SHE ACCEPTED



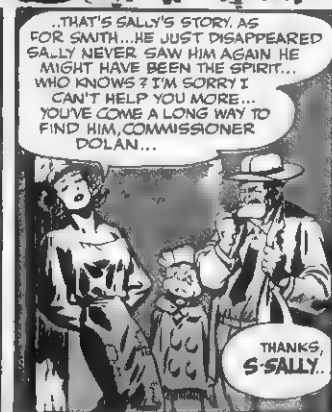
NO. SHE TURNED THE GOVERNOR
DOWN... Y'SEE, HE HAD ASKED HER
ON THE DAY SHE SAW MR. SMITH
LEAVE...

SO LONG, SALLY.
YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING
YOU EVER DREAMED
ABOUT... I'LL BE
MOVING ON NOW.

SMITH...
SMITH...
D-DON'T GO...
DON'T GO



SMITH NEVER FOUND OUT
THAT SALLY TURNED DOWN
THE GOVERNOR. NOBODY
COULD EVER FIGURE OUT
WHY. MAYBE SHE JUST
WASN'T MEANT TO
MARRY A GOVERNOR.



..THAT'S SALLY'S STORY. AS
FOR SMITH...HE JUST DISAPPEARED.
SALLY NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN. HE
MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE SPIRIT...
WHO KNOWS? I'M SORRY I
CAN'T HELP YOU MORE...
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY TO
FIND HIM, COMMISSIONER
DOLAN...

THANKS,
S-SALLY...



W-WHERE
TO NOW,
MIST'JH
DOLAN?

TO THE
NEXT ISLAND,
EBONY...
WE'LL KEEP
GOING TILL WE
FIND HIM!

THE SPIRIT

BY WIL EYNER

AMONG THE COUNTLESS ISLANDS
THAT MAKE UP THE "PELIGROS" THEY
TELL OF A MASKED MAN WHOSE PATH
THREADS THE ISLANDS...STUDDING
EACH WITH A NEW ADVENTURE...

The Masked Man

the Peligros

San
Cedros
July 10

Marquesa
July 17

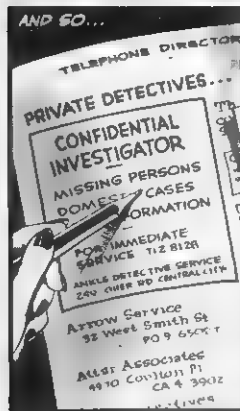


WHEW!
WHAT A
TREK,
ELLEN!



ALL FO'
NUFFIN' WE
COULDN'T FIND
THE SPIRIT!

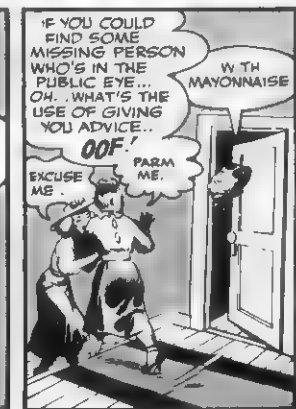




AND THAT IS
HOW I...

**WILLIE
ANKLE**
PRIVATE
INVESTIGATOR

COME INTO
THIS PICTURE.



ELLEN DOLAN STARTED TALKING ... BUT I WAS THINKING 'WAY AHEAD OF HER ...

...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY ... WILL YOU TRY, MR. ANKLE ?

FIND THE SPIRIT ?
HMM ... WELL ER ... I HAVE THE MACHINE-GUN MCGURK CASE TO WORK ON, BUT I'LL DO THAT LATER. IN THE WEEK. IT'S A CINCH, MISS DOLAN !



OF COURSE I'LL NEED SOME INFORMATION ON HIS HABITS

MMM ... THAT'S A LOVELY PERFUME ...

ER ... HIS HABITS AND STUFF LIKE THAT ... YOU CAN GIVE ME THE DETAILS OVER DINNER ...

WHY MR ANKLE I'D LOVE TO BUT REMEMBER ... NO ONE MUST KNOW ABOUT MY HIRING YOU !



OF COURSE ! HONEST INJUN ... I WON'T TELL A SOUL !



HELLO ... MORNING PRESS ... I HAVE A HOT TIP FOR YOU ... YEAH ... IT'S ON THE SPIRIT ... THAT'S RIGHT ... THE SPIRIT !



SURE, I KNEW THE SPIRIT COULDN'T BE LOCATED ... BUT BY MORNING I HAD ALL OF CENTRAL CITY BELIEVING HE COULD ...

ELLEN DOLAN HIRES PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR TO FIND ...

DAILY CRIER !
POLICE FAIL !
DOLAN'S DAUGHTER EMPLOYS PRIVATE EYE !

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SPIRIT SOUGHT BY PRIVATE EYE

ALL OF CENTRAL CITY ... INCLUDING ...
DOLAN HIS DAUGHTER ... AND ... ONE FOXIE.



WOT'LL WE DO, FOXIE ?? IF THIS GUY FINDS THE SPIRIT BEFORE WE KNOCK OVER THE CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY ... WE'RE THROUGH !

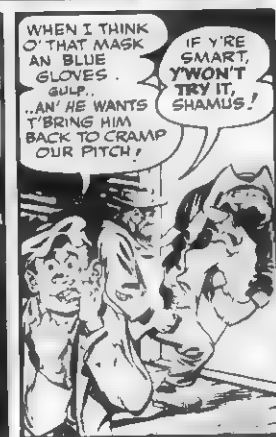
THE SPIRIT IS THE ONLY CENTRAL CITY COP WHO KNOWS ME ... HE CAN'T COME BACK NOW !!

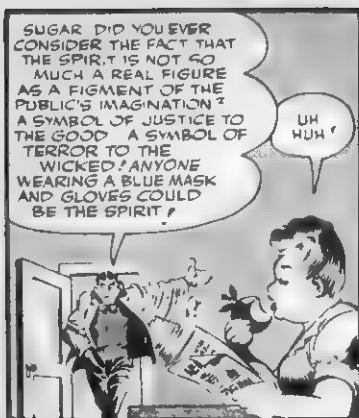


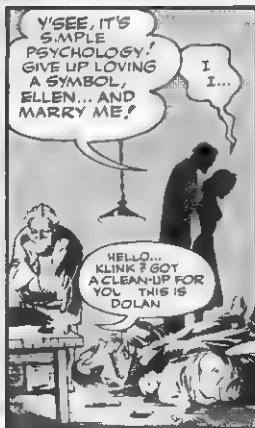
...AND SO I BLISSFULLY SAT BACK, LAPPING UP ALL THAT LOVELY PUBLICITY. I DIDN'T HAVE A WORRY IN THE WORLD ...

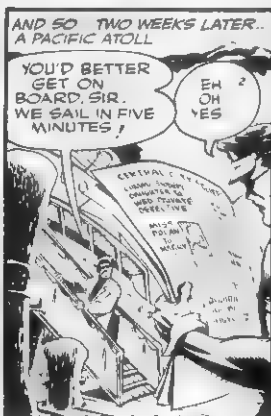


YES ... THAT'S RIGHT, BOYS ! YOU MAY QUOTE ME AS SAYING THE SPIRIT WILL BE BACK IN CENTRAL CITY WITHIN 48 HOURS !!









TO SOME, THIS MASKED ADVENTURER IS KNOWN AS "SMITH". OTHERS CAN TELL YOU OF AN AFFAIR IN SAN CEDROS. THEY CAN DESCRIBE HIM TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL, YET NONE KNOW WHERE HE COMES FROM OR WHY HE WANDERS AMONG THESE ISLANDS, OR WHERE HE LL NEXT APPEAR...

THE BALL GAME

SPIRIT

ALL NIGHT THE DRUMS ON THE ISLE OF MONABAU HAVE BEEN THROBBING. ALL NIGHT THE JUNGLES HAVE VIBRATED TO THEIR CHANT. FOR IT IS THE TIME OF "THE SEQUESTA" THE SEASON WHEN THE SLANDERS CHOOSE A LEADER BY ELECTION.



"OH-SEND-US-A-MAN"... THEY SAY...
"SEND-US-SOMEONE-BRAVE-AND-STRONG"

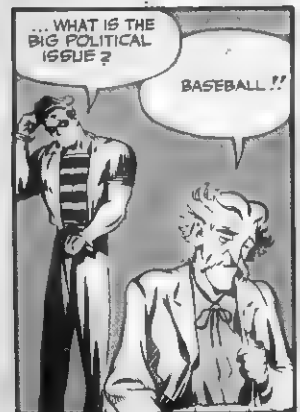
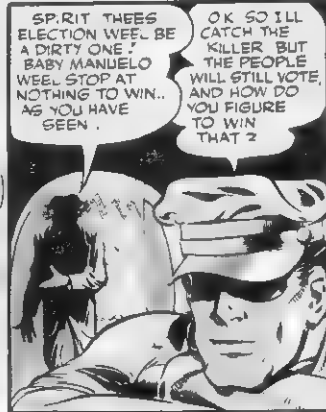
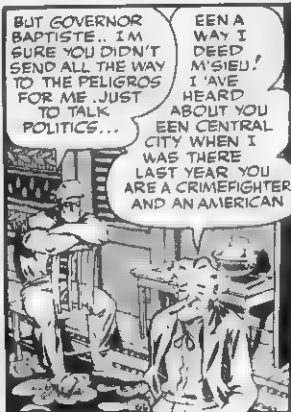


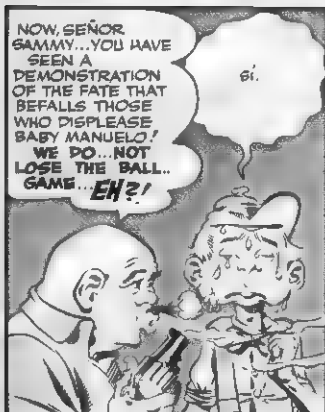
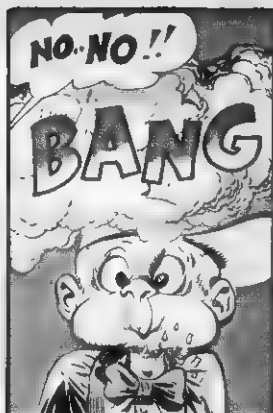
"SOMEONE-WHO-WILL-SAVE-OUR-PEOPLE-FROM-THE-TYRANT-AT-OUR-DOOR"



BY DAWN THE DRUMS ARE SILENT AND ALL ARE HUSHED, AWAITING THE ANSWER TO THEIR PRAYERS.



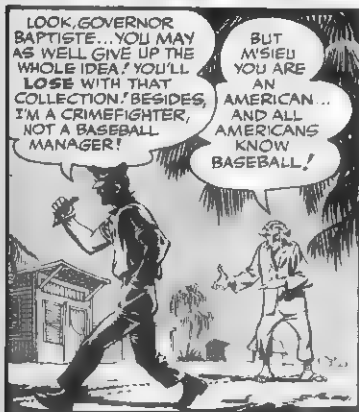


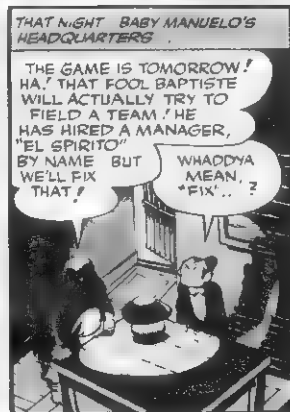


MEANWHILE... ON ANOTHER PART OF THE ISLAND...

YOU SEE, M'SIEU SPIRIT... BABY MANUELO HAS CAUGHT THE POPULAR FANCY WEETH BASEBALL... AND NOW, WHOEVER WINS THIS BALL GAME IS SURE TO WIN THE ELECTION!

WELL THEN... GET YOURSELF A TEAM!







AND SO .. ON THE EVE OF
THE GAME, THE MANAGERS
OF THE RIVAL TEAMS
SLEEP UNEASILY...



THE NEXT AFTERNOON, THE
ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE
LITTLE ISLAND GATHERS
TO WATCH THE GAME...



THE GAME COMMENCES...

INNING NUMBER ONE

UGH

STRIKE
THREE!

INNING NUMBER
TWO.

QUISH

INNING NUMBER
THREE

STRIKE!

INNING NUMBER FIVE.

THEY'RE LEADING US
BY FOUR RUNS. WHATSA
MATTER WITH YOU GUYS?
SHOW SOME LIFE!!

INNING NUMBER SIX.

CRACK

YAWN.

ZZZZ

BONK

iiOX★#6!! MY
WHOLE TEAM...
IT'S ASLEEP!!

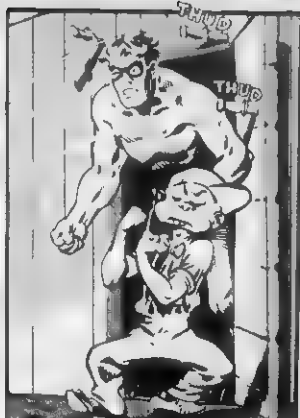
MEANWHILE...

GUARD!

si...
OOF!

CRACK

GNAW... AND WHEN
YOU'VE GNAWED
THROUGH THOSE
YOU CAN START ON THE
WRIST ROPES!



NEXT MORNING

WELL GOVERNOR
BAPTISTE, YOUR
ELECTION
IS ASSURED
THANKS TO
SAMMY!



I HOPE
SO
THE
WHOLE
ISLAND KNOWS
HOW WE WON
THE BALL
GAME!

LISTEN... THE
JUNGLE DRUMS
TELL THE OUTCOME...
SHH SHH...
I WILL TRANSLATE
FROM THEIR
CODE...



MATUA

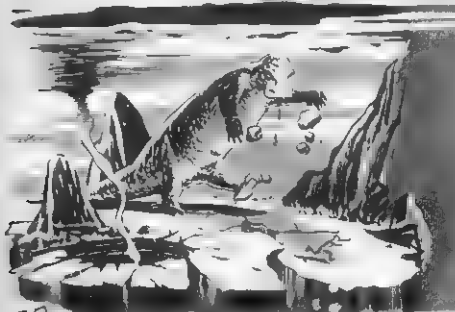
WILLY SPIRIT



In the archipelago of islands called "The Peligros" there is one strange and silent isle that dominates the southern anchor of the group. Matua is its name... and its origin is a strange legend.

WILL FISHER

In the days when the mountains were young and the valleys fresh, a great monster roamed the land. The people called him Matua... for he was the last of the great beasts... and sought to halt the intruder in his domain man.



Matua approached, splitting the earth with each mighty tread... but Tan gau, the witch-doctor did not move. He stood, pleading with the heavens... pleading for a curse.



And where once had stood a monster, there was now a volcano... huge and ugly... but quite extinct.



The tribes fled to the hills, but there was no escape... and many were killed. Now it seemed that the two legged puny things called men were surely doomed. Then did Tan gau the witch doctor rise up and say "I will fight the last battle with Matua!"

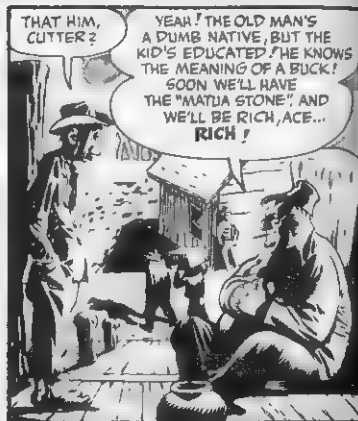
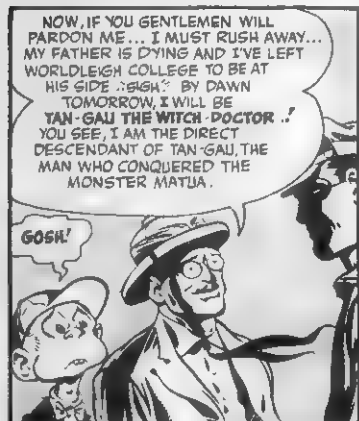


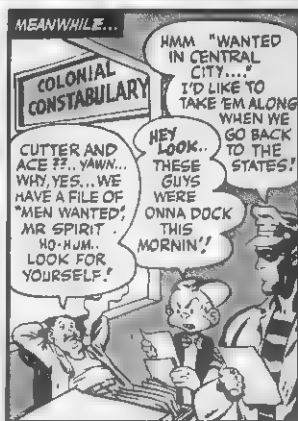
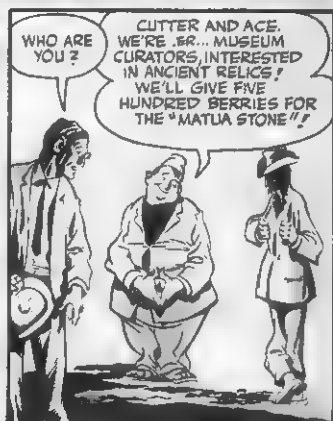
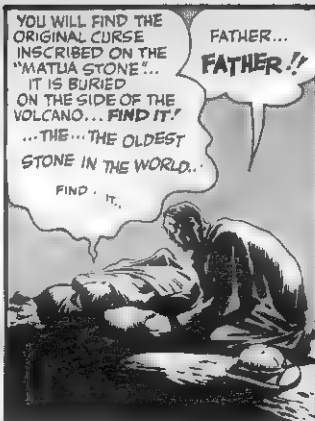
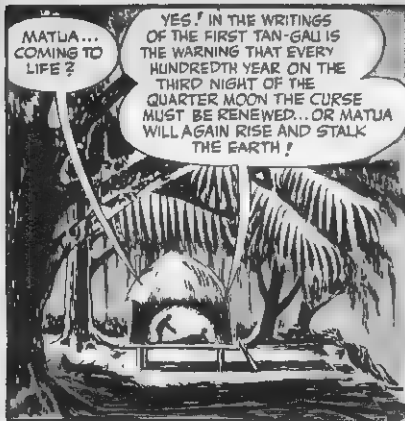
A curse that would boil the ocean and cause the hills to tremble. Then the heavens replied "Matua the monster advanced, and Tan gau hurled his curse!"



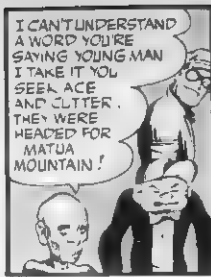
AND MATUA THE VOLCANO HAS BEEN SILENT EVER SINCE "ANYWAY, THAT'S HOW THE LEGEND GOES... SEE, WE APPROACH HER NOW. BEHOLD MATUA THE VOLCANO!"







THAT NIGHT...



AND NOW, SUDDENLY AS WOULD A SLEEPING MONSTER THE MOUNTAIN STIRS ITS AGED SIDES DEEP WITHIN, A SPARK OF LIFE STILL FOR CENTURIES BURSTS INTO FLAME - AND MATUA QUIVERS BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH ..

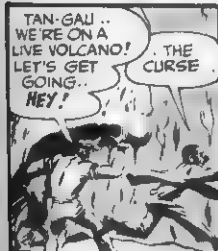


LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TAN GAU MOLTEN LAVA IS COMING DOWN FROM THE TOP!

THE EDGE COLLAPSED THEY'RE DEAD!



TAN GAU .. WE'RE ON A LIVE VOLCANO! .. THE CURSE LET'S GET GOING.. HEY!

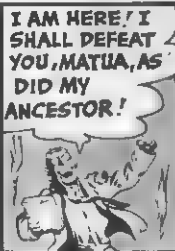


TAN GAU! COME BACK!

NO! I MUST REACH THE BRIM! THERE IS STILL TIME TO RENEW THE CURSE!

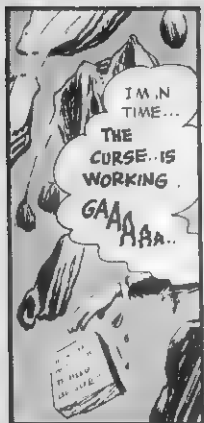


I AM HERE! I SHALL DEFEAT YOU, MATUA, AS DID MY ANCESTOR!

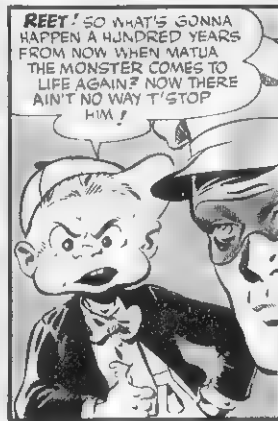
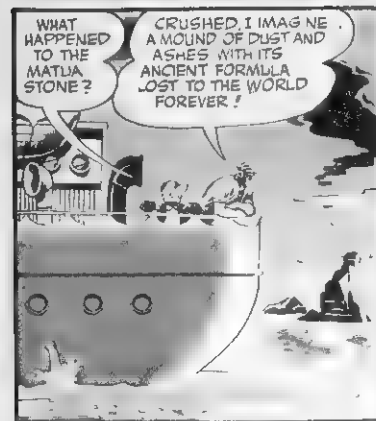
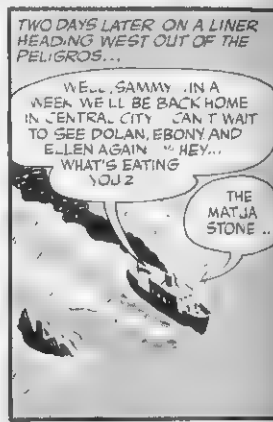


CRASH

BAROOM



AND WITH THE SUDDENNESS OF A MAGIC SPELL...
THE FIRES RECEDE... AND THE MOLTEN LAVA
COOLS... AND MATJIA IS ONCE MORE TRANSFORMED
A MERE EXTINCT VOLCANO... EXTINCT, THAT IS
FOR THESE NEXT 100 YEARS



THE SPIRIT

BY W. F. FETTER

LURID LOVE

SEPT.



Lurid LOVE

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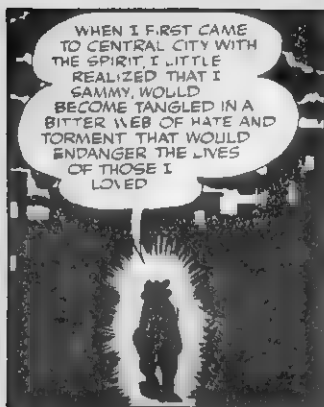
READ
"AM I TOO
TO BE OVER?"



CAN THIS BE MY
FATE ?? AM I LIKE THESE
FLOWERS GATHERED IN
THE SUNSHINE AND CAST
ASIDE TO WILT AND
WITHER WHEN THE
BLOOM IS GONE ??

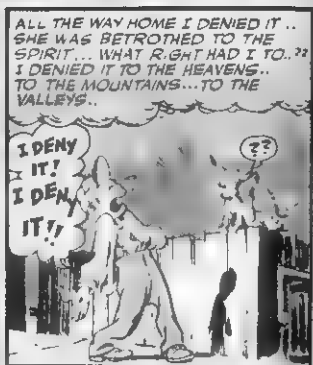
HAVE
YOU
A LOVE
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THAT
YOU ARE
UNABLE TO
SOLVE
?

OUR OWN
WANDA
LUST
WILL
ANSWER
YOUR
QUESTION



"I WAS PASSION'S PLAYTHING"

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AND THEN...THE VERY NEXT DAY...

SAMMY... DOLAN AND I
ARE LEAVING TOWN FOR A
FEW DAYS TO WORK
ON A CASE!

SWELL! I'LL
BE PACKED
IN A JIFFY!

NO... YOU STAY HERE!
AFTER ALL, SOMEONE
HAS TO TAKE CARE OF
ELLEN! HA HA!

"TAKE CARE OF ELLEN..."

THOSE WORDS RANG IN MY
EARS... IF HE BUT KNEW HOW I
FELT ABOUT HER... YET HE TRUSTS
ME... I AM HIS FRIEND... I WILL
NEVER BETRAY HIS TRUST.

AS THE SPIRIT LEFT, I AGAIN HAD THAT
TERRIBLE FOREBODING OF
IMPENDING DISASTER.

WELL, GAMMY, I KNOW
YOU'LL BE VERY LONELY
WITH THE SPIRIT AND
DADDY GONE.
WHY DON'T YOU,
EBONY, AND I GO
ON A PICNIC
TOMORROW?

HER HANDS WERE WARM AND
SOFT... IT WAS THEN THAT WE
BOTH KNEW... I TRIED TO
SPEAK, BUT MY THROAT WAS
DRY...

OH BOY...
A PICNIC!
AH LOVE 'EM
BUGS N'
ALL!

AS I LEFT THE HOUSE, I
KNEW... FOR THE SPIRIT'S
SAKE, I MUST NEVER
SEE HER AGAIN!

IS DIS
D' HOUSE,
SETH?

RIGHT. WIT' DOLAN
AN' TH' SPIRIT OUTTA
TOWN LOOKIN' FER
US, WE'RE GONNA
HOLE UP IN TH'
POLICE
COMMISSIONER'S
HOUSE! HAW!
WHAT A
LAUGH!

WHO
ARE
YOU?

MISS DOLAN...
MEET YER NEW
BOARDERS... SETH
PASSIFIK AND
UGLY MARY!

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WILT??**

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AT A MAN, ONLY TO
HAVE HIM YAWN IN
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BE A FOOL. GET AN
EYELASH THAT'S
"REAL" WORKS "GET
LASHES!"

SEND NO MONEY

ROMANCE NAME _____
MAY ADDRESS _____
PASS YOU EYE & ZE _____
BY SEND ME LASHES
AT... EACR

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THAT NIGHT I SAT IN WILDWOOD CEMETERY, THE SPIRIT'S SECRET HIDEAWAY AS YOUNG EBONY SLEPT THE SLEEP OF THE CONTENTED, I, YOUNG SAMMY, PEERED SLEEPLESS INTO THE STARLESS SKIES...



I WAS SICK...SICK WITH LOVE SICK WITH TORMENT, SICK OF LIFE

SICK!

SICK, DO YOU HEAR??



BOY...WAS...I...EVER...

SICK..



I KNEW THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO...THE NEXT MORNING I HEADED STRAIGHT FOR ELLEN DOLAN'S HOUSE WHY SHOULD TWO LIVES BE RUINED BECAUSE OF ELLEN'S EARLIER ROMANCE?



"TO GO ON THE PICNIC I PROMISED! OF COURSE... LET'S GO!"

YEAH... AN' WE'LL COME ALONG TOO JES' I'M MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS FUN!



IT WAS THEN I MET UGLY MARY SWEET YOUNG, UNSPOILED, UNASSUMING, TRUSTING, HONEST...

ONE FALSE MOVE, HONEY, AND YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT YA! GETH...CALL THE PAYOFF BOYS AN' TELL 'EM TO MEET US AT TRICKLEROCK PICNIC GROVE.



RIGHT. DIS IS A REAL BREAK!

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YOU WOULDN'T THINK IT TO LOOK AT ME THAT I WAS ONCE FAT



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MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

IF YOU ARE NOT PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS. IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE THE FIRST TREATMENT YOU DON'T OWE US A NICKEL!



MY MARY THANKS TO DR. THYROID FOR HIS WONDERFUL MINUSFAT GREEN PILLS. I GOT 24" OFF THE HIPS MY WAIST AND SHOULDERS 5" SMALLER AND MY HEAD SHRANK TO A MERE 5 1/2"!

SEND NO COUPON

DR. THYROID J. THYROID
120 AVENUE DUPWARR
FATGO CITY, N.Y.

SAVE THIS COUPON UNTIL WEED

SEND MY BODY TO

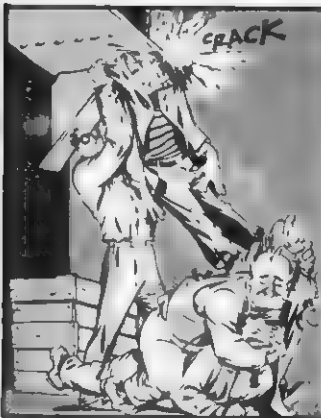
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NO STARVING, NO DIETING, NO WORKING, NO DRINKING, NO EATING, NO SLEEPING, JUST THESE LUSCIOUS GREEN PILLS.

FREE

DR. THYROID'S REDUCING PLAN WHICH HAS HELPED MANY LOSE 90 TO 200 POUNDS WITHIN HOURS. NOW YOURS IF YOU BUY 120 GROSS OF MINUSFAT!

HELLO LEFTY THIS IS SETH PASSIFIK... I FINALLY FOUND ME A GOOD HIDEOUT... NOW WE CAN MEET AN' SPLIT THE DOUGH... FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY: MEET US AT THE PICNIC GROVE OF TRICKEROCK PARK... USE THE BIRDCALL SIGNAL... **GET IT??**



GAIN WEIGHT

LOOK LIKE THIS **UP TO 100 LBS** LOOK LIKE THIS



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NO SLEEPING
NO MASSAGE
NO EFFORT
NO NOTHING
... JUST
CONSUME
423 OF OUR
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I WANT TO TRY YOUR LITTLE BLACK PILLS. I CAN'T GET THROUGH THE DOORS OF MY HOUSE

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YA GONNA LET HIM PUSH YA AROUND ?

OH SOB SOB SOB

WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT?

NOW..
DROOPY CHIN
GONE THE
ENERGY OF A
YOUNG GIRL
RECAPTURED
YOU'LL REDUCE
IN ITS ENERGIZING
SUPPORT LIFT UP
THAT SAGGING
CHIN AND FEEL
YOUNG AGAIN.
BELIEVE IT
OR NOT! ONLY 2.95

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SHRINK ONE FOR YOU
AS A SAMPLE

BYANA GHAT
LOT 2
BELGIAN CONGO
CENTRAL AFRICA

DO IT NOW

YES, YES, YES, I WANT A ----
I CAN'T WAIT TO DO SOME MISERABLE
MISCHIEF WITH THE USELESS MERCHANT
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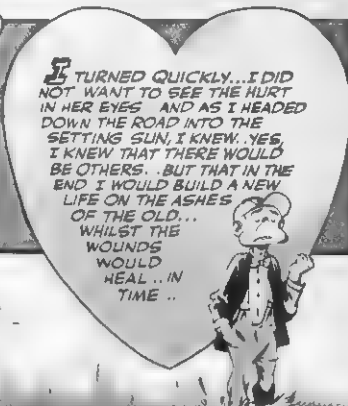
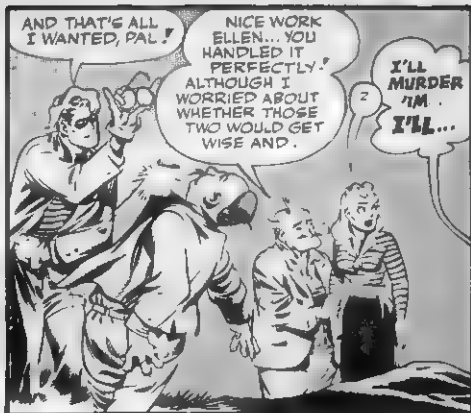
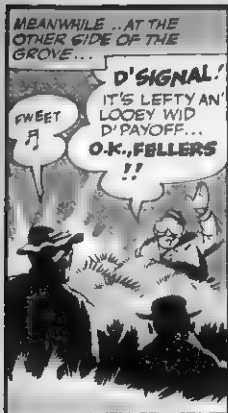
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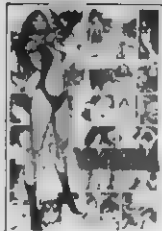
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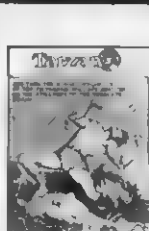
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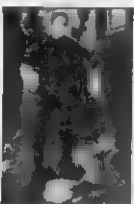
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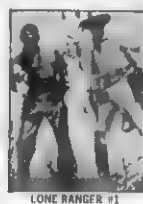


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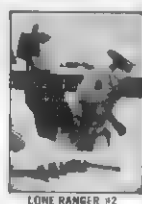


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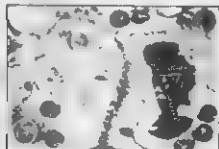
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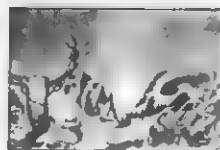
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THE SPIRIT

BY
WILL
EISNER

ACE MCCASE GOT AS FAR AS
ANY CROOK EVER COULD GO.

H HE MADE HIS PILE, FRAMED HIS PALS
SO THEY COULDN'T SQUEAL, AND
SETTLED DOWN TO SPEND HIS
DECLINING YEARS DIRECTING HIS
GANG FROM A VINE-COVERED
COTTAGE.



B UT CRIME IS A RISKY BUSINESS
AND HE RAN AFOUL OF THE USUAL
"OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD" OF HIS
TRADE.



A ND SO NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS
THE VINE-COVERED COTTAGE....



AND NOW LET US
RETURN TO THAT
VINE COVERED
COTTAGE...

GET RID OF
THOSE APARTMENT
HUNTERS WE'LL
RENT IT

YES
COMMISSIONER
DOLAN HERE'S
THE KEY



GET OUT,
YOU TWO.
I'VE ALREADY
RENTED
THIS HOUSE.



ER BUT LOOK, LADY..
YOU DON'T WANT TO
LIVE IN A HOUSE WHERE
A MAN WAS MURDERED,
DO YOU?

THAT HORRIBLE
FACT DOESN'T
SEEM TO
BOTHER YOU ANY,
LADDIE-BUCK!



BESIDES,
:GNIFF,
I'M A POOR
HELPLESS-
WIDDER-
WOMAN...I
I'M ALL
ALONE IN
THIS
WORLD ..

HMM I
SUPPOSE
YOU DO
DESERVE
SOME
CONSIDERATION

PSST
DOLAN
NO 'NO!
NO NO
NO NO



OH, COMMISSIONER
YOU'RE SO
KIND GO
GENTLE YES!
MY NAME IS
LIZZIE
PINCH

CUTE NAME
AHEM ER-COUGH
AH LITTLE
LADY WE'LL
SEE WHAT
WE CAN
DO



JUST LET
US HANG
AROUND
A BIT...
YOU CAN
LIVE HERE..

WHAT
A
GENTLEMAN
!!

WHAT
A
GENTLEMAN
!!

LATER... WILDWOOD CEMETERY



YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN
HIM, EBONY... PUTTY JUST PLAIN,
SOFT, MALLEABLE PUTTY IN HER
HANDS... THE GREAT IRON
COP DOLAN... A
PUSHAROUND!!

HERE'S
THE FILES
ON THE
MCCAGE
INQUEST,
MR
SPIRIT ..

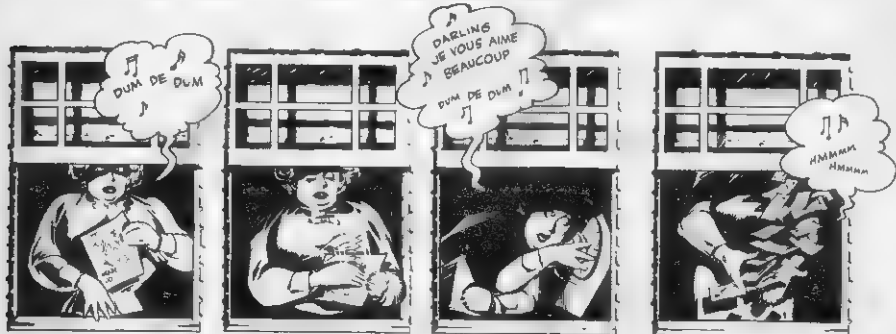


THIS PICTURE... TAKEN
AT ACE MCCAGE'S INQUEST...
HMMM SAY THAT WOMAN
STANDING AMONG THE
WITNESSES... IT'S LIZZIE
PINCH!

I KNEW IT!
I KNEW IT!



LET US NOW PRECEDE DOLAN TO THE LITTLE VINE-COVERED COTTAGE WE KNOW SO WELL...









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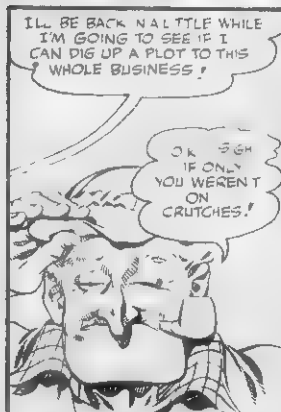
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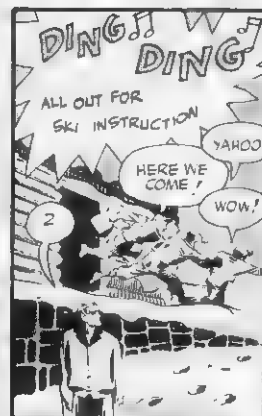
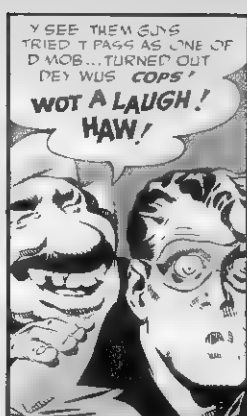
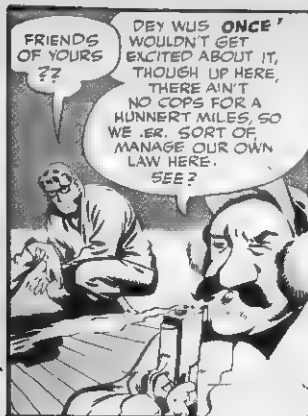
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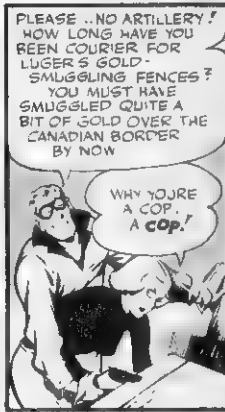
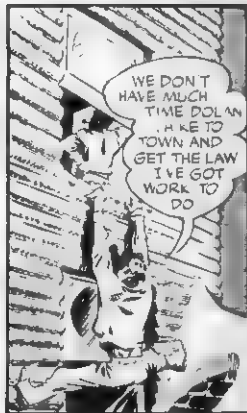
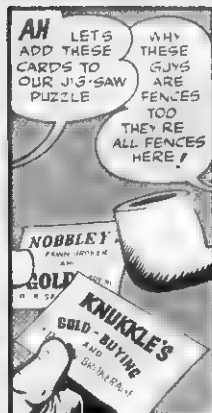


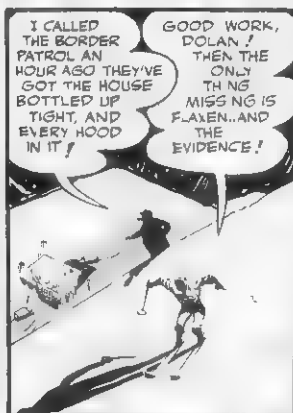
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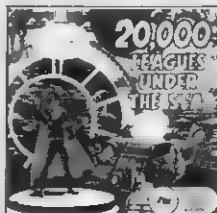
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THOSE BRICKS
COULD TALK...
THE THINGS THEY'D
SAY WOULD HELP
BUILD BETTER
PRISONS IN
THE FUTURE

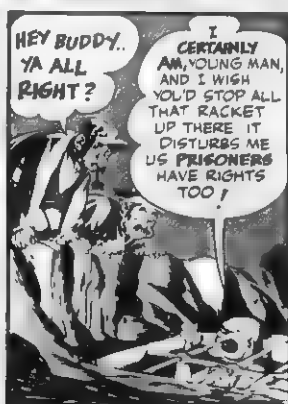
SIGH... SIGH...
WATCHIN' THE DEMOLITION
OF OLD DONJON MAKES
ME FEEL OLD. MAKES ME
REALIZE I BEEN ON THE
FORCE 35 YEARS

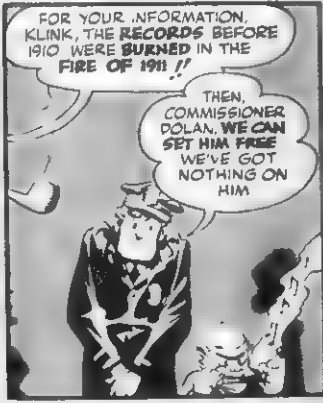
SIGH

THEY'RE TEARING DOWN
OLD DONJON PRISON
AND WITH ITS END, AN
ERA TOO CRUMBLES
INTO THE DUST

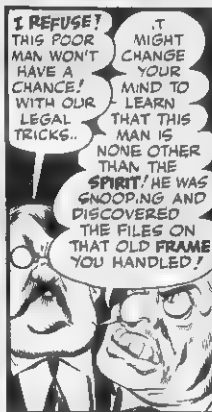
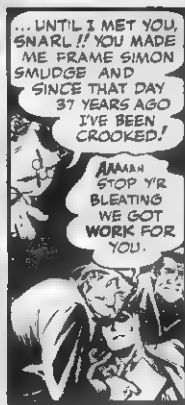
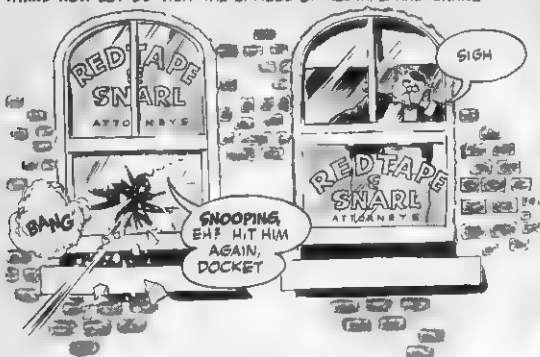
TIME WAS WHEN OLD DONJON
LOOMED LIKE A GREAT
MONSTER ON PRISON HILL.
THREATENING TO SWALLOW
THOSE WHO OFFENDED
THE LAW

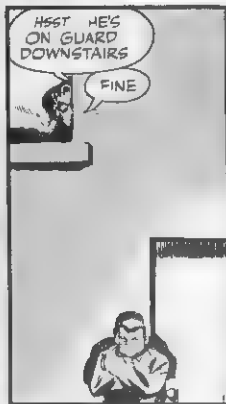
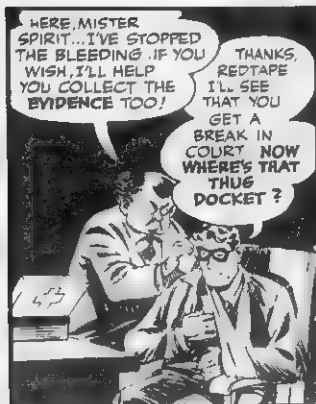
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WHO HAVE BLUNDERED
INTO ITS MAW. NEVER
TO BE SEEN OR HEARD
FROM AGAIN.

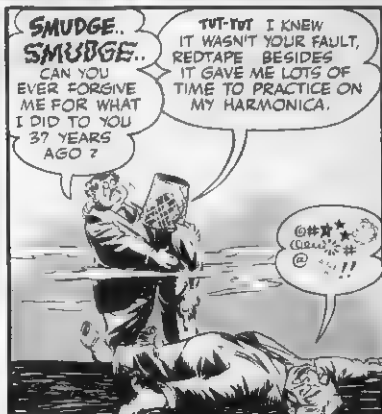
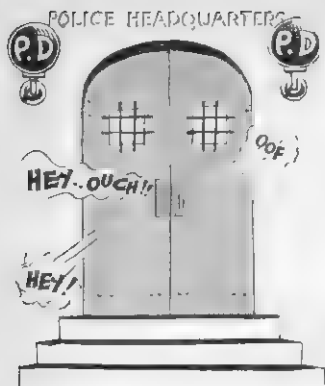


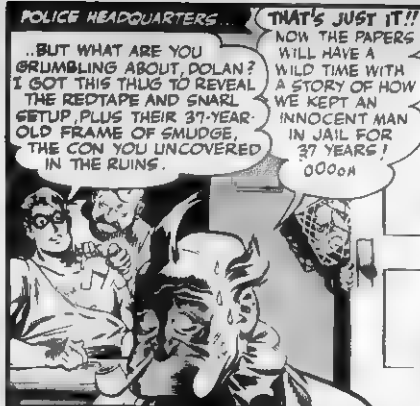


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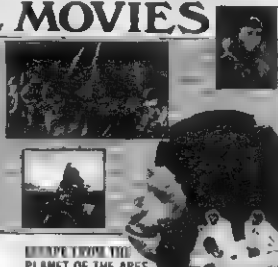


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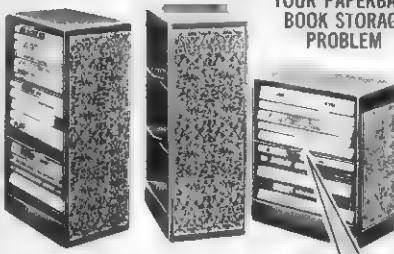
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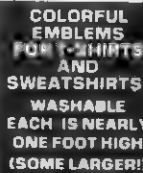
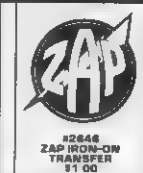
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BEFORE I
BEGIN MY STORY
I WANT YOU TO
EXAMINE US
VERY CLOSELY

AS YOU CAN SEE
WE'RE IDENTICAL
TWINS EXCEPT FOR
THE COLOR OF OUR
HAIR AND OUR AGE
PETER WAS TWO HOURS
OLDER THAN I AND
WOULD INHERIT THE
FAMILY FORTUNE

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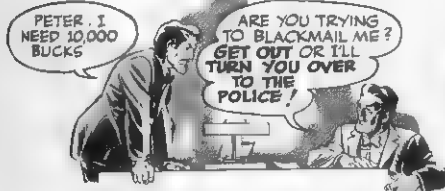
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BY WILL ESSNER

IT WAS THIS
SIMPLE FACT THAT
LED ME TO
COMMIT A
**BLOODLESS
MURDER!**

**MURDER,
... BLOODLESS
TYPE !!**

My twin Peter was a stuffy, good-natured fool who curried father's favor by working hard and pinching pennies.
 Me?? ~~RA~~..I preferred a gay life fast and exciting and the old goat didn't like that!!
 Well father died and naturally left all his money in Peter's hands
 I wanted that money.... I paid a visit to Peter at the mansion AND THEN BEGAN THE SERIES OF EVENTS...

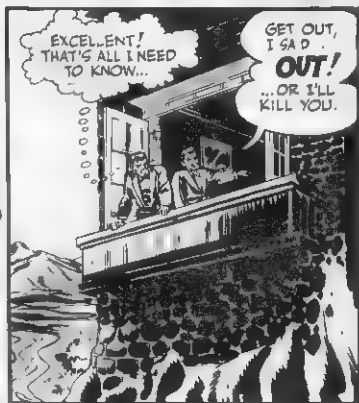


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..TO..



MY OWN



MURDER

AND A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE POLICE ARRIVED, SUMMONED BY THE TERRIFIED SERVANTS.

SHOT HIM, YOU SAY? WHERE'S THE BODY?

HE HE FELL THROUGH THE WINDOW



MMM
QUITE A
DROP

THERE'S NO POINT
LOOKING FOR THE
BODY, GIRL. THE
CURRENT'S SO
SWIFT HE'D BE
WASHED OUT TO
SEA IN A FEW
SECONDS.

HERE'S
HIS COAT
CAUGHT ON
THE ROCKS
BULLET
MUST'VE GOT
HIM RIGHT
THROUGH THE
MIDDLE



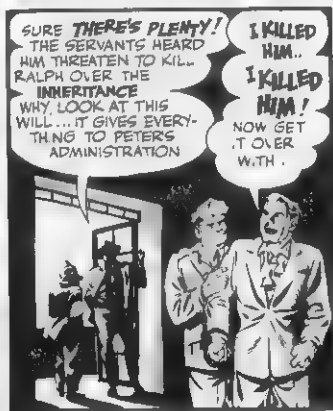
THE BLOOD ON
THIS COAT IS
RALPH GRIMM'S,
ALL RIGHT.

STILL... I
SEE NO
MOTIVE...



SURE **THERE'S PLENTY!**
THE SERVANTS HEARD
HIM THREATEN TO KILL
RALPH OVER THE
INHERITANCE
WHY LOOK AT THIS
WILL... IT GIVES EVERY-
THING TO PETER'S
ADMINISTRATION

I KILLED
HIM..
I KILLED
HIM!
NOW GET
IT OVER
WITH.



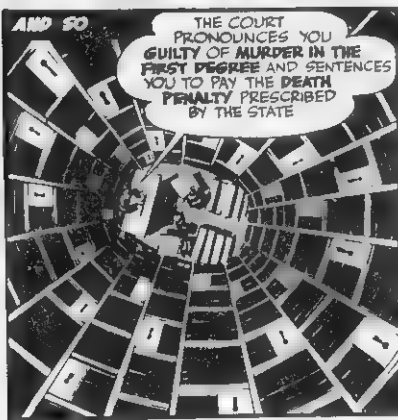
I'D FEEL
BETTER ABOUT
THIS IF I COULD
FIND THE
BODY

OH STOP
MUMBLED
IT'S AN
OPEN AND
SHUT CASE



AND SO

THE COURT
PRONOUNCES YOU
GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE
FIRST DEGREE AND SENTENCES
YOU TO PAY THE DEATH
PENALTY PRESCRIBED
BY THE STATE



You see, I'm not dead at all **HAHA** and Peter's going to burn for my murder just as I planned

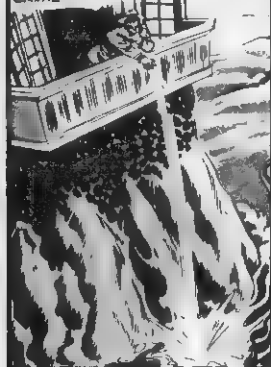
It's perfect. with Peter out of the way I can turn up later on play dumb, and collect my inheritance

NOW...ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT UNTIL THE POOL IS DEAD **HAHAHAHAHA**

THE COPS DO MY KILLING FOR ME!



MEANWHILE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME



ARE YOU STILL HERE? DON'T TELL ME YOU AREN'T CONVINCED THAT PETER SHOT RALPH!

DOLAN I'VE GOT A NEW ANGLE A MAN COULD FALL FROM THIS CLIFF AND SURVIVE! THERE'S A NATURAL POOL AT THE BASE OF THOSE ROCKS WHERE THE STRONG CURRENT STOPS



MAYBE RALPH WAS ONLY WOUNDED MAYBE THE CURRENT DIDN'T CARRY HIS BODY OFF MAYBE HE JUST FLOATED TO THAT POOL GOT UP, AND WALKED OFF!

WOW! WHAT A COCKEYED THEORY ONLY WAY Y'COULD PROVE THAT IS TO JUMP N Y'SELF **HAHAHA**



GOOD IDEA!

HEY...I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU.. NO, NO, Y'DOPE!



***//DON'T JUST STAND HERE, EBONY. LET'S GET DOWN THERE AND PULL THAT BIG LUNK OUT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER AT THE EDGE OF THE POOL TWO VERY FRIGHTENED PEOPLE SIGH WITH RELIEF AS THE SPIRIT EMERGES

SEE DOLAN? IT WAS SIMPLE FOR RALPH GRIMM TO JUMP INTO THAT POOL AND SWIM TO SAFETY

?

GOLLY HE'S OK!



...AND...
LOOK IN THE
SAND
FOOTPRINTS!

WELL
I'LL BE



THAT MEANS WE'RE
EXECUTING AN
INNOCENT
MAN BY
GOLLY I'LL GET
ON THE PHONE
AND CALL THE
POLICE!

NO
WAIT
LET ME
HANDLE IT
MY WAY,
AND I'LL
BRING IN
RALPH!



AND SO, AT THE PRISON A FEW MINUTES LATER.

I'M JUST TRYING
TO HELP YOU, PETER
YOU SAY YOU KILLED
YOUR BROTHER
WHY?

I DON'T
KNOW I JUST
MEANT TO
SCARE HIM
AND THEN



WHY DO YOU
KEEP QUESTIONING
ME I ADMITTED
I KILLED HIM
ISN'T THAT
ENOUGH?

OK OK LET
THAT DROP FOR
A MINUTE NOW
TELL ME, DO YOU
RECALL ANY
HIDEOUTS

NEAR YOUR
HOUSE YOU AND
YOUR BROTHER HAD
WHEN YOU WERE
KIDS?



OH YES
WE HAD A
CAVE THE
PIRATE'S DEN
WE CALLED
IT.

HOW
DO
YOU
GET
THERE?



IT'S... IT'S
I CAN'T
REMEMBER

DO YOU
THINK YOU
COULD
FIND IT?

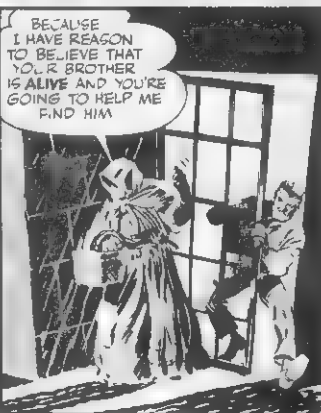


OH GURE
I GUESS
SO

GOOD!



BECAUSE
I HAVE REASON
TO BELIEVE THAT
YOUR BROTHER
IS ALIVE AND YOU'RE
GOING TO HELP ME
FIND HIM







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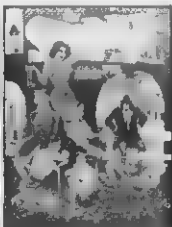
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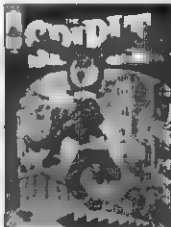
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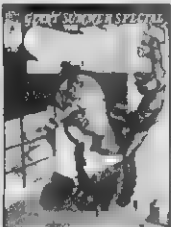
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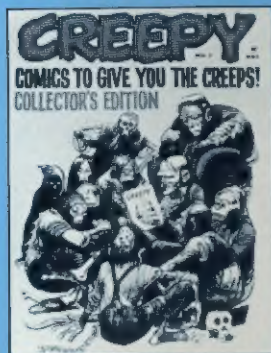
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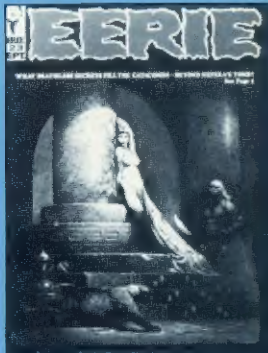
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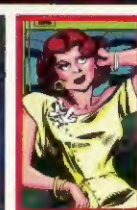
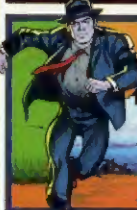
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